

## COMMERCIAL.

HONOLULU, JAN. 12, 1870.  
We have but little to report in a commercial way, since our hat issue. The past week has been pretty generally occupied in making the regular quarterly settlements, and closing up the year's business.

Trade is beginning to come forward and the packets now at the berth for San Francisco, Oregon and Victoria will carry away full cargoes.

The demand for merchandise is fair, owing in part, no doubt, to the large disbursements now being made on the plantations, which are necessarily large at this season of the year, in the extra expense of growing season, re-skipping laborers, &c.

The market is well supplied with nearly all kinds of merchandise, fully as much indeed, as ought to be on hand at the commencement of the year. Some articles, such as flour, oats, beans, and many descriptions of dry goods, are in excess; while some few articles are well contrived and high, such as salines, knowes oil, honey bees, card machines, and a few items of like importance; the former two articles are likely to be in fair supply by the first arrival from San Francisco, while the others named, cannot be furnished short of articles direct from the Eastern States or Europe.

The D. C. Murray will be due inside of ten days, and will likely bring our next mail.

## PORT OF HONOLULU.

## ARRIVED.

JAN. 3—Schooner *Hawkins*, for Pearl River.  
Schooner *Bob Roy*, for Pearl River.  
Schooner *Neville*, for Manila.  
Schooner *Kamei*, for Manila.  
Schooner *Warwick*, for Manila.  
Schooner *Jesse*, for Kauai.  
Schooner *Native*, for Hawaii.  
Schooner *Keiki*, for Maui.  
Schooner *John Young*, for Kauai.  
Am. wh. *W. L. Seaman*, for Hawaii.  
Schooner *Kaneoche*, for Maui.  
Schooner *Kaneoche*, for Maui.  
Schooner *Little*, for Waikiki.  
Schooner *Warwick*, for Manila.  
Schooner *Kate Lee*, for Hilo.

## SAILED.

JAN. 3—Schooner *Queen*, for Kauai.  
Schooner *Hawaii*, for Kauai.  
Schooner *Lake Louise*, for Kauai.  
Schooner *Luka*, for Kauai.  
Schooner *Bob Roy*, for Pearl River.  
Schooner *Kamei*, for Manila.  
Schooner *Waianae*, for Manila.  
Schooner *Warwick*, for Manila.  
Schooner *Maria*, for Hawaii.  
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THE REV. DEAN HARRIS left for Europe on the steamer *Delta*. His parishioners gave him the following letter at his departure, which we are requested to publish:

HONOLULU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.—  
Christmas, 1869.

To the very Rev. S. T. Harris, Dean and Rector of Honolulu:

DEAR SIR.—We, the undersigned, have been with deep regret that, owing to unavoidable circumstances, you have placed your resignation as Dean of the Cathedral and Rector of this Parish, in the hands of his Lordship the Bishop of Honolulu, that the same has been accepted, and that it is your intention to leave us on the next steamer, Jan. 5th.

We feel that you should be failing in our duty, love and sympathy, if on this occasion, we did not give vent to our feelings by addressing you. This is to us a most joyful season, but a gloom is cast over it by your approaching departure. We had most confidently looked forward (as we have good cause to do so in looking back on the past eighteen months) to a steadily growing Catholic work in this parish under your ministrations.

We are thankful to say that we have remained during your stay with us, a decided improvement in attendance, worship and devotion at the early morning confessions, and also at Masses, and even Sung. A good work has been commenced and carried on among the young and adults, both foreign and native, in Cholo training, Bible Classes, Confirmation Classes, Girls' Work, and Sunday School. Men and Women, who were not in the habit of attending any place of worship, have become regular and devout worshippers at the Cathedral; regular visitation of the Hospital and services monthly, at both the Hospital and Jail have been revived with every prospect of the services being doubled. At both these places, the services have been entirely Catholic, and highly appreciated by the participants.

A deep devotional and reverential feeling has been awakened in the Hawaiian and those foreigners who have come under your influence; and this fact is further manifested by the number who are now candidates for Holy Confirmation. A Library in connection with the Church, (numbering over 300 volumes,) has been established and out of debt; the young men and women have had, at all times, ready to accuse you, and for your censure, admonition and influence, have been led to hold a better life.

In view of all this, (and more too had we time to tell you details,) while we most reverently assure, as is most justly due, all praise and glory to the Blessed Three in One, and One in Three, yet we regret you as the honored instrument who, under the Great Head of the Church, has achieved these glorious results. We part from you, feeling that we lose, not only a faithful Friend, but also a kind and affectionate friend; one to whom we could go in joy or trouble, peace, prosperity or affliction. We do earnestly believe that you are exemplified the truth "That the prayer of the righteous availeth much," and we ask you, to give us, before your departure, a farewell conference of the Holy Eucharist, so that we may join, with you at the sacred Altar, and receive your benediction. We know, that though absent from us, you will remember us in your prayers. We will pray that the Lord Jesus will direct, comfort and bless you, whenever you may go; that your labors may be blessed and blessed, and should we never meet again in the Glories of Eternity, our prayer is, that we may meet a reunited band in the Church Triumphant above.

The Editor of the *Advertiser* attributes the want of "news" in a recent article of his, to the "dead." We're glad he has got it out; it has been our impression for some time, that "that's what's the matter."

## LOCAL NEWS.

Phase of the Moon for January, 1870.  
PREPARED BY TATE, PAPERS, HAWAII.

	1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	
Sat. New Moon.																																
Sun. First Quarter.																																
Mon. Full Moon.																																
Tue. Last Quarter.																																
Wed. New Moon.																																

## HONOLULU MEAN TIME.

No. Sun Rises. 6 42 A. M. Sun Sets. 5 25 P.M.  
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No. Sun Rises. 6 44 A. M. Sun Sets. 5 20 P.M.  
No. Sun Rises. 6 45 A. M. Sun Sets. 5 19 P.M.  
No. Sun Rises. 6 45 A. M. Sun Sets. 5 17 P.M.

The Sun Rises at half past four, or Sunday afternoon, in Emma Square, leaving the citizens of Honolulu with some of their free time. A large concourse of people, both native and foreign, congregated about the square, delighted with the music.

The Companies of the Fire Department held a live drill, to test their engines and hose, on Saturday last. The fire was laid on King street, and the test was entirely satisfactory.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the American Club, for the election of trustees, was held at their Club Rooms on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst. The following trustees were elected:

John O. Dignan, President; F. H. Harris, Secretary; D. C. Waterman, Treasurer; F. S. Pratt and S. E. Rollins.

We would call attention to our Directory and Calendar for 1870. Great care has been taken to make it the most complete and correct of any ever published in this country, with a success, which, we think, will warrant us in saying that everybody ought to have one. It is to be had at this office and at Messrs. Black & Aldis'.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—Mr. Chillingworth of the firm of Allen & Chillingworth of Kauai, recently, while passing the bridge across the stream at Kolokee, one of the gorges between Lanapahoehoe and Hilo, narrowly escaped serious injury by the fall of the bridge which precipitated him with his horse into the stream. Mr. C. fortunately escaped with but slight injury, although he lost his horse.

MASONIC BANQUET.—The members of Le Progrès de l'Océanie Lodge F. & A. M. held a banquet at their Lodge Rooms, on Thursday evening last, to which members of the fraternity here, were invited. These banquets are always pleasant affairs, and we are told that this one was particularly so, both on account of the bonhomie of the repast, and of the good funning which prevailed.

We noticed at the Honolulu Rice Mill the other day, a quantity of very fine unpolished rice, and on inquiry, found it to be a part of the lot imported from China, in the *Coral Leaf* and which had become weedy and dirty, since its arrival. It had been reckoned at the Rice Mill, and turned out to be quite equal to the best domestic rice for plantation use, the weevils and the partially eaten kernels of rice having been separated from the sound kernels in passing through the flaking apparatus of the mill.

FROM HAWAII.—We learn that the enter at the summit of Mauna Loa shows considerable activity. A dense smoke is constantly issuing from it, and several times flame has been seen to rise from the eight craters, in the crater of Mauna Loa, to a height of 100 feet. The crater of Mauna Loa is comparatively inactive, although it is observable that the smoke issuing from the craters in and about the crater, is much more dense than has hitherto been known to be. It is said to be as dense and black as smoke from newly lighted coal.

In looking over the "Log" kept by a friend, not long since, we were struck by the fact that this country has not been visited by a Southern storm, or Kona, since December, 1867, something over two years. Although these storms are not pleasant to experience, the capture rates which fall during one of them are very beneficial to the grader and agriculturist, particularly to those on the "leeward" side of the islands, where the trade wind showers seldom reach a sufficient extent.

THE ROAD BETWEEN HILO AND WAIMEA.—Recently, Mr. Hitchcock of Hilo has surveyed the route for a road from Hilo to Waimea, on the Island of Hawaii to run between Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa. This road, when completed, will prove one of the greatest benefits to the people of that island, although naturally the most fertile and productive of any in the Kingdom, has hitherto been unavailable or uncertain of the impossibility of access from any of the ports on the Island. Splendid grazing and sugar lands have remained unimproved or the range of wild cattle (which are of little profit to any body) for the reason that they have been penned in for want of roads. This road will run through the valley between the two mountains, crossing the lower end of the lava flow of 1865, and passing around the base of Mauna Kea to Waimea. The distance gained by this road will be the difference between 30 and 70 miles, the former being over an even country and the latter crossing from sea-level to a hundred guiches, varying from one to five hundred feet in depth. This road can easily be constructed with the district of Kea by what is known as the "Judd road," a short continuation of which would intersect the road of the Legislature.

COLONIAL POST.—*Morgan's Trade Journal* says—"It is well known that the gentle breed is hardy and that the gentle species who have escaped the serpent, though very necessary task of getting an interchange of opinion respecting the best means of putting the relations of the mother country with her colonies upon a more satisfactory footing, have been unable to do so, and that the difficulties in the determination of the Constitution of the United Kingdom, have been insuperable. The difficulties in the determination of the Constitution of the United States, however, have been insuperable, and will be insuperable until the people of the United States, who are the most intelligent and progressive portion of the population, are willing to sacrifice their right to self-government, for the sake of a general government, which will be able to rule over them, and which will be able to rule over the whole country."

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